

Devamog Noggin Notes - 6 February 2020

It was another well attended meeting on the 6th February and a few hardy souls brought their Morgans! Mine unfortunately was still in my garage in bits - I'm in the process of changing to a 5 speed gearbox and somehow ended up doing a minor engine overhaul into the bargain!!! Still its nearly back together. My Plus 4 has also had a new pair of bonnets courtesy of Steve Barnes at Vintage Sheet Metal and a lovely job he has made of them too!!

Apologies were received from Neil and June Ford and David Roberts

National Committee Meeting

There were no new 'past events' to discuss, so we swiftly moved on to feedback from the NCM I attended. If anybody would like a copy of minutes please let me know - I've received them from Gill Bevan but I can appreciate that not everyone wants their inboxes clogged up with them!

Briefly:

- The MSCC has a new Vice Chairman. He was the only person interested in the post, so was duly elected.
- Mogfest (Gaydon) and MOG 2020 were discussed. Preparations are well under way, and Centres have been asked if they want dedicated parking at either of the events. By show of hands there did not appear to be too many people attending these events, but do let me know if there is a group of you who would be interested, and I will follow this up.
- MOG 2021 will be held in Beamish. A Shropshire venue was considered (including Cosford) but Beamish had the edge; at the moment, no date has been released for MOG 2021. Richard Thorne will be sponsoring the AutoSolo event (ie the cost of the MSA license).
- Jon Savage recently attended a meeting at the Factory with Steve Morris; the agenda included the use of the Morgan wings logo. Design guidelines are being produced setting out exactly how, and how not, the logo can be used to ensure infringement of the logo design is avoided.
- Michael Kalf (Morgan Historic Register Sub Group) has a significant amount of Morgan Memorabilia he is trying to find a home for. A dedicated home with the option to charge to view it would be ideal, but no suggestions were made at the meeting. David Gardner referred to a similar scenario in Montgomery, where a collection was housed in a Community building and run and staffed by volunteers.
- Accounts: The MSCC annual turn-over figure was £239,000, and showed a profit of £4000.
- There will be a one day delay in getting Miscellany out in March; this is due to an imminent announcement (from the Geneva Car Show).

Events Calendar

- Apologies, but work commitments (Brexit-related) have forced me to postpone by Technical talk at home again. I will find a suitable slot to add it back to the Calendar.
- 30th Anniversary Meal at Sweeney Hall. Linda reminded Members of this event and encouraged them to make their meal choices and pay deposits. Similarly, Members

were reminded to let David Howell know how many anniversary pins they wanted to order (they will receive a free one per membership at the meal).

- David Gardner spoke about the Scenic Run he is planning for April in South Shropshire. This may not be on the Second Sunday as it coincides with Easter, but that may be a good reason as the route will avoid main roads.
- Members may be interested in attending the Hill Climb event at Loton on 11 & 12 April. <https://www.hdlcc.com>
- Jay Hale is again organising a Morgan presence at the Nantwich Show/Cheese Festival on 29 July.
- Pryce Davies was advised against organising a trip up Snowdonia, so is now looking at a trip starting at Port Madoc and travelling to/from Ffestiniog on the Railway. This is likely to be on the third Sunday to avoid the Bank Holiday weekend.

Website

Kevin provided a summary of the usage of the website, and was very impressed by the visiting statistics. He will continue to monitor the site.

Statistics included:

- Over a four week period there were 92 visitors to the site who had not visited it before. Looking at a three month period, including the above there have been 167 new visitors.
- Over the same four-week period, the site was visited 220 times.
- Spikes in viewings were observed following WhatsApp messages.

Thanks to Kevin for all his hard work - I didn't appreciate what goes on behind the scenes of a website!!

Governance

Earlier in the month there was a query about compliance with some of the MSCC forms. This has been clarified by Officers of the MSCC and I can confirm that the Code of Conduct form only applies to me, and not our Committee.

The revised Membership annual renewal form is also compliant – the later (which is already on our website) is available for members to use to renew their membership at the AGM. <https://www.devamog.co.uk>

There being no other business, the formal part of the meeting was closed.

And finally (this is quite embarrassing for me!!) Pryce Davies has kindly provided a copy of a technical document prepared by Kevin Vernon, I've had this scanned and can now email it out, but I've lost my list of who to mail it to! - if you would like a copy, let me know.

Regards

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